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In re the application of:

Erik R. Swenson, et al.

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For: **SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF
COMMUNICATING CONTROL
INFORMATION BETWEEN ENTITIES
INTERCONNECTED BY BACKPLANE
CONNECTIONS**

Art Unit: 2836

Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Prior to commencing substantive examination, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Docket No. **02453.0022.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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